



Power Outage at CSDR

By Brianna Keogh

On February 1st, there was a power outage on the entire CSDR campus, including the cottages. Cottage students were startled awake at 3 o'clock in the morning due to the fire alarm which was caused by the power outage from a car that crashed into a power pole on Maude Street by the entrance to our school. From then on, cottage students had no choice but to dress for school without the use of electricity or water. We surely learned the significance of electricity, and we realized that we



shouldn't take it for granted. Students also attended school and went through a few periods without any electricity. Most of us found ourselves having no work or homework since most of our learning

time and work relies on the use of technology. The electricity came back on in the middle of the day. But after just a few hours with no electricity, many students and teachers gained a new respect for our ancestors whom had gone through life without any electricity at all. We need to be grateful for everything that our country and school has provided for us. Imagine living without iPhones, iPods, computers, phones, television, VP, and all our other technological items! That would be difficult, wouldn't

~JANUARY/FEBRUARY FACTS~

- Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863
- Alaska was admitted to the Union as the 49th state, January 3, 1959.
- Transatlantic commercial telephone service began, New York to London, January 7, 1927.
- This year is Leap Year. Leap year comes every four years. Every 28 years, February 1st comes on Sunday, and there are 5 Sundays in the month, ending on Sunday, February 29th. The last year this happened was in 2004. The next time this happens, it will be in 2032. February 29 is a date that usually occurs every four years, and is called leap day. This day is added to the calendar in leap years as a corrective measure, because the earth does not orbit around the sun in precisely 365 days.

Heading North!!

By Jeremy Warshaw

On January 26th, 2012 the girls and boys basketball teams and cheerleaders went north to Fremont for the 35th Annual Western States Basketball & Cheerleading Classic. The seven other teams invited from the western states were Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind, California School for the Deaf Fremont, Marlton School, Oregon School for the Deaf, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, Utah School for the Deaf and Blind, and Washington School for the Deaf.

Our girls' team won the first game of the tournament against Oregon, and the boys beat Utah, en route to the semifinals. Riverside, Fremont, Washington, and Arizona girls were among the teams in the semifinals. Riverside, Fremont, Phoenix, and Oregon boys were the top four teams in the semifinals.

Our boys blew out Oregon and advanced to the championship game against our rival school, Fremont. The Riverside girls competed hard with a good, close game against Arizona, but lost which meant they would play for third place against Washington. Fans started to pack the gymnasium for the third-place and championship matches that were coming soon.

Before the games, our cheerleading team had participated in the cheer competition. They did an excellent job despite one of the members being injured right before competition!! The results were announced later after the championship match. The Cheer Team earned third place. Our CSDR girls also claimed third place with a great victory against Washington.

Our Riverside boys gave a lot of hard effort, but lost to Fremont. They received second place out of eight teams. At the awards ceremony it was revealed that our cheerleading team won the Sportsmanship Award!! Our basketball teams received a \$100 gift card to Subway for winning the Hot Shot competition before the tournament, and the Cheer Team won a \$100 gift card for winning the Jump Off Contest. Plus, four players and two cheerleaders from Riverside were selected to All-Star Teams. Jeric Liwag and Amanda Gallegos made the Cheer All-Stars while Joshua Macedo, Emily Forsberg, Raul Alcocer, and Alana Smith made the Basketball All-Stars.

Congratulations!! The next tournament will be hosted at Phoenix Day School for the Deaf in the winter of 2013. CSDR was very proud of our teams for representing our school and community.





Student Athlete of the Month: January

By David Hamilton



CSDR Athletics is proud to announce Alana Smith as the recipient for Student Athlete of the Month for January. Alana is the reason why our CSDR

Girls Basketball Team is having its best start since 2006 with 11 wins and 9 losses. Alana was named First Team All-Star during Clerc Classic and Second Team during Western States Basketball Classic.

"Alana Smith deserves to be selected as a student-athlete of the month for January because she has been consistent with her performance on and off field," said Jason Coleman, "She works hard during practices and games and she always wants the best out of herself. She averaged 11.8 points per game, 8 rebounds per game and 4 steals per game. She is only a Freshman. Besides basketball, she is very much involved with extracurricular activities and maintains 3.5 GPA. She displays the importance of six pillars of Character Counts. She takes pride in her excellence for both academics and athletics".

Please join me in congratulating Alana Smith!

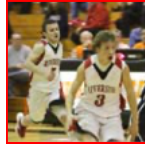
Wrestling News

Congratulations to the following wrestlers for making it to the CIFs:

Juan Flores
Oscar Gomez-Gonzalez
Jules Lange
Erick Granados
Hiroshi Nakama
Charly Umana
DeShaun Jones
Andrew Quinonez

Clerc Classic at Indiana

By Julie Love



Clerc Classic XII took place at the Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD) in Indianapolis during the weekend of January 10th-14th 2012. CSDR was one of the eight schools for the deaf to participate in the Classic. The other participants were the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD), Texas School for the Deaf, Alabama School for the Deaf, Maryland School for the Deaf, California School for the Deaf-Fremont, Illinois School for the Deaf and ISD. It was a challenge for the CSDR boys and girls basketball teams to compete with the other schools.

Although, the girls' basketball team placed 8th in the tournament, they received the Sportsmanship Award. The boys' basketball team came in 7th place. The cheerleading team did well and one of our cheerleaders won an individual award.

The weather in Indiana was very cold. It rained and snowed while we were there. We were very glad to come home to our warm weather. We enjoyed our time in Indiana regardless of where we placed in the tournament. It was a good experience to play against other teams and to help improve our-

WSBC at sister school CSDF

By Edward Schoonover

During the last weekend of January, California School for the Deaf- Fremont, held the 35th annual Western State Basketball and Cheerleading Classic. The participating schools were Oregon School for the Deaf, Washington School for the Deaf, Utah School for the Deaf, California School for the Deaf- Riverside, and Fremont, Marlton School, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, and Arizona School for the Deaf. Utah did not sport a girls' basketball team, so the girls from that school played on the boy's team. Only some school brought their cheerleading teams and they were OSD, WSD, CSDF, and CSDR.

We started the night on Wednesday with some competitions. Riverside won the competitions in shot points. Joshua Macedo and Emily Forsberg won it for us in both the boys and girls category. Jeric Lewig won the highest split jump for the cheerleading competition.

The tournament began on Thursday and throughout the long weekend and hard fought games, CSD-Fremont boys' and girls' basketball team won the championship along with their cheerleading team. Our boy's team came in second place while our girls came in third. Our cheerleading team suffered a blow to their squad when Amanda Gallegos got hurt. They were recognized with the sportsmanship award. We have some players who were recognized on the first and second all star teams. The first team selected Joshua Macedo and Emily Forsberg. The second team selected Raul Alcocer and Alana Smith. The cheerleading first team chose Amanda Gallegos and Jeric Lewig.

When the tournament was over, there was a farewell social party held by CSDF to have a good time and make new friends before we departed to our respective schools. Also at the end of weekend, it was announced that PDSD will host next year's tournament.

WSBC Final Results:

Boys:

1st - CSD
2nd - CSDR
3rd - PDSD
Sportsmanship- Marlton

Girls:

1st - CSD
2nd - ASDB
3rd - CSDR
Sportsmanship - Marlton

Cheerleading:

1st -CSD
2nd - WSD
Sportsmanship- CSDR



Academic Bowl Vies for National Champions

By Karina Baker



On Tuesday, February 7th, CSD-Riverside's Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) team had a match

against CSD-Fremont through the videophone (VP) and won, 47 to 26. After the match, Jeremy Warshaw, a DAB member, was interviewed. "I feel great because my cousin was in the Academic Bowl for the Fremont team and they beat us badly during my freshman year." In the last three years I haven't seen a 'Lost' in my record book against Fremont. I'm very excited that our Deaf Academic Bowl kept winning against Fremont." In addition to beating Fremont, our DAB team has won four games and lost none so far. Their next matches are on February 16th against Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind and on February 29th against University High School.

After months of competing against other schools through the VP, selected four DAB members from each participating school will be going to Gallaudet from April 12th to 17th to compete for the Nationals. This year, the four students that will be going are Camac Kyre (Senior), Jeremy Warshaw (Senior), Alana Smith (Freshman), and Karina Baker



ASBG News

By Emily Forsberg

We, the ASBG members, had our ASBG meeting on Wed., Feb 1st. We invited Erik Lasiewski, our School Information Technology supervisor. He explained about our school's "filtered program" known as the firewall, iBOSS. We use iBOSS because of the school's parents, and the State of California requires it for the school's protection.

What is iBOSS? It is a special device that blocks all World Wide Web (WWW) pages. Even Google images are blocked. It helps reduce viruses and inappropriate information.

Mr. Lasiewski stated that he can unlock a few websites upon request. It will be based on educational usage and research. The ASBG members will make a motion at the roundtable meeting with our school superintendent about allowing well-deserving students (yearbook class, seniors with good GPA) to have more access to additional websites under a contract agreement.

At this same meeting we had a meeting with the ASBG members and Student Council representatives. It turned out to be a very productive meeting. There were a lot of motions that were passed such as hosting a spring fling, having homework done online, and having Videophones in the classrooms. The next ASBG meeting will be on March 7th.

Mid-Winter Ball 2012

By Jeanyssa Caboteja



On January 18th, the class of 2014 hosted the Mid-Winter Ball dance. It was a long process for them to make this a successful event. The mid-winter ball committee searched long and hard for a place and a DJ. They decided to have it at the Social Hall because they wanted to decorate the hall however they liked it. The theme of the delightful evening was "Live the nights you won't remember with the friends you will never forget." They were anxious for the big night but it turned out to be a wonderful event. The sponsors and staff were such a great help. When the night ended, it turned out to be a magnificent and unbelievable night.

Everyone was overwhelmed by the beautiful decorations and lighted tree in the Social Hall. At dinner time the students lined up to enjoy the delicious food made by our very own FEAST students. Even the adults enjoyed the good food. Everyone opened their jaws wide open when they saw the ice sculpture made by Greg Vollmar that said, "Mid-Winter Ball." After everyone ate, they danced the night away as well as play fun games. The perfect end to the night was playing "snow fight" with shredded paper. Everyone had a fantastic time.

Before the night was over, it was announced who the kings and queens were for their respective classes. The kings and queens voted by the student body are as follows:

Freshman: Ramiro Bustamante and Bridget Berrigan

Sophomore: Ernesto Rodriguez and Jeanyssa Caboteja

Junior: Charly Umana and Amanda Gallegos

Senior: Leonardo Torres and Jade Fowler

Congratulations to all the winners! The Class of 2014 would like to thank everyone for making this a memorable Mid-Winter Ball!

Literacy Festival

By Scarlett Valenica

The English Language Arts Team has been working very hard to host a Literacy Festival for our high school students. We will have the festival on Friday, March 2, in honor of Read Across America Day. There will be two deaf authors coming to give presentations to the students, and the theme this year is ASL Literature.

The entire high school department will be involved with the festival on Friday morning. All students have been assigned to groups for the centers that will happen during the festival, and also all HS/CTE/HS PE staff have been assigned to either supervise groups or help out with centers.

The festival will be emceed by our very own students, Miguel Barrios and Calyssa Yepez. At the end of the festival, there will be a surprise performance by Mr. Whetter's drama students.

The festival will occur at the MAC from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

Trivia

1. What was the name of the child that is known as the inspiration for the development of American Sign Language in the United States?
2. What was the name of the Frenchman who that traveled to America and played an important role in bringing deaf education to America?

Answer: 1. Alice Cogswell 2. Laurent Clerc

Teacher Profile: Jevon Whetter

By Calyssa Yepez



Jevon Whetter is the drama teacher at CSDR. He comes from a deaf family, three generations deep. His mother's side of the family has a lot of deaf people while his father's side is strewn with a few.

He went to the Oregon School for the Deaf (Valedictorian '87.) He also graduated from Gallaudet University, San Diego State University and American Film Institute. After Gallaudet, he pioneered the founding of full-time Performing Arts program at CSDR and taught performing arts for a total of eight years. After leaving CSDR in 2000, to briefly to focus on his business, Mr. Whetter later returned to CSDR as a HS Lead Teacher for another two years. In 2005, he made the decision to return to graduate school to study theatre and film.

When he first applied to the American Film Institute (AFI) in 2005, he was very close to getting in after being selected as an alternate. He went to San Diego State to study Theatre and he was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor society at SDSU for his academic excellence in Theatre Arts. The next year, Mr. Whetter tried again and applied to AFI. This time, he was thrilled to learn that he was accepted as a fellow in their Producing program. AFI usually accepts 28 fellows in each discipline out of 600 - 700 applicants worldwide every year.

Mr. Whetter learned a lot about being a film producer while he was at AFI. He never forgot the advice Dean Robert Mandel gave the AFI fellows at AFI, "Reputation is the most important asset that a filmmaker could possess for their success in the film business." Mr. Whetter also had the opportunity to study under distinguished filmmakers from the entertainment industry and continues to keep in touch with them to this day.

After graduating from AFI, Mr. Whetter returned to CSDR as drama teacher and shares his knowledge about theatre and film with CSDR students. He has been at CSDR for a total of 12 years now and he loves working with students at CSDR.

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